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* * A FORECAST. . . . Suggested goals and price supports * *

* * for 1947 wheat and winter vegetables * *

* * will probably be announced by the time you see this. * *

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SOME SELECTED USDA RELEASES. . . . Indicated production of all wheat as of June 14, is 7 million bu. higher than June 1 estimate--1366; June 1 stocks of dry beans and dry peas--1374; Pig crop report --1376;

Protein meal order, WFO-9 amended to reduce amount of meal in mixed feed and permit manufacturer to use his protein quota for livestock or poultry feeds in accordance with requirements of his trade territory--1378; USDA buys 840,000 pounds frozen eggs for export--1382;

D. A. FitzGerald, USDA Director of Requirements and Allocations, to be Secretary-General of the International Emergency Food Council--1377; Meeting Our Plant Food Needs, W. A. Minor, assistant to Secretary Anderson, at a meeting of the American Plant Food Council, Hot Springs, Va., June 24--1362;

Can We Use the Harvest?--Secretary Anderson at University of Michigan commencement program, Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 22--1373;

Dr. Mark V. Ziegler to be FSA Chief Medical Officer--1386;

November 30, 1946 announced as last filing date for 1946 interim vegetable subsidy payments--1394;

1946 interim frozen vegetable subsidy program--1393;

USDA to sponsor wool improvement project--1392;

Agricultural Research and the Fertilizer Industry, address by Robt. M. Salter, chief, BPISAE, at first annual convention of American Plant Food Council, Hot Springs, Va., June 25--1354;

Shipments of fats and oils to South and West may be increased during next three months to relieve acute shortage--1401;

Record grain exports of 18,040,000 bu. from June 10-20 reported--1402;

Dr. Mark L. Nichols, Chief of Research, SCS, is new president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers--1359.

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OTHER RELEASES OF AGRICULTURAL INTEREST. . . . OES authorizes RFC to withhold subsidy payments to livestock slaughterers who fail to meet the set-aside and delivery requirements of three USDA War Food Orders (this, to help speed delivery of meat for relief shipment--OES-46-A; CPA directs WAA to channel $3\frac{1}{2}$ million yards of surplus cotton tent twill to bag mfgs. to relieve critical shortage of cotton picking sacks--CPA--440; Lumber production during April increased 12.2 per cent over March '46 and 14.2 percent over April 1945.

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"JO" TAKES OVER. . . . M. Bernice Wheeler, who for about three years has been in charge of the magazine contact work for the Office of Information, is leaving the Department about July 15. Her work will be continued by Josephine Hemphill of OI. Radio script writing, broadcasting, and preparation of radio programs has been Miss Hemphill's main work with USDA, in connection with which she has traveled considerably in the field and maintained contact with various editorial offices. She is well known to magazine editors and writers through her contributions as a feature writer for a number of years.

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STATE FSA COMMITTEEMEN. . . . The Administrator, or Acting Administrator, of FSA was given the authority to appoint State FSA Advisory Committeemen in a recent memorandum by the Secretary (No. 1165). This authority may be delegated by the Administrator. He may also authorize the redelegation of such authority.

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COUNTY EXTENSION WORK EXTENDED. . . . A county home demonstration agent in each of the 850 counties now without an agent is an aim of Extension Service for realization by 1948. Since passage of the Bankhead-Flannagan Act on June 6, 1945, which assured more funds for extension work, excellent progress is reported in the employment of additional assistant county agricultural agents, Negro county agricultural agents and Negro home demonstration agents. However, the increase in total number of home demonstration agents has not been as great as for county agricultural agents, because many States have been unable to employ qualified women for this work.

Records for the 9-month period ending March 31, 1946, show that 1,058 extension agents were added in the counties. Of these, 495 were assistant county agricultural agents, 131 assistant county home demonstration agents, 115 county home demonstration agents, 105 county 4-H Club agents, 84 Negro county home demonstration agents, 63 Negro county agricultural agents, 62 county agricultural agents, and 3 assistant county 4-H Club agents. The amount of funds for distribution to the States and Hawaii under the Bankhead-Flannagan fund is \$7,830,000 for the fiscal year 1947 as compared with \$3,910,000 for 1946.

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RECENT USDA PUBLICATIONS. . . . Fertilizers and lime in the United States, Resources, Production, Marketing and Use, Misc. Pub. No. 586, 94 p.; Report of Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics, 1945, 43 p.; Food Consumption Levels in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom (Third Report of a Special Joint Committee set up by the Combined Food Board), 58 p.; Report of the Federal Experiment Station in Puerto Rico, 1945, 62 p.; A Vegetable Gardener's Handbook on Insects and Diseases, Misc. Pub. No. 605, 30 p.

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"RAIN DROPS AND SOIL EROSION," is the subject of an illustrated talk to be given by W. D. Ellison of the Division of Research, SCS, at a USDA Club meeting in Philadelphia, July 22. He is also scheduled to give the same talk at the June 28 meeting of the Bozeman, Mont., USDA Club while on a field service trip for SCS in that section.

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RADIO SCHEDULE, JULY 5. . . . CONSUMER TIME, NBC, 12:15 p.m., EST., will feature the actual "goings on" in a community canning center to show how interesting as well as profitable community canning can be.

AMERICAN FARMER, ABC, 12:30 p.m., EST, "The Business Side of Farming," weekly USDA report for farmers.

NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR, NBC, 1:00 p.m., EST, summary of news developments for farmers called "Department of Agriculture headlines."

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